

Gain of 3,600,000 in Employment Since March, Labor Head Says

Biggest Progress in August and September, When 1,700,000 Went Back to Work Under NRA Shorter Hours, President Green Declares, Advocating Further Reduction of Work Periods As Only Hope of Giving Jobs to Ten Million Still Idle.

Washington.—Since the President's unemployment program went into effect, unemployment has been reduced by more than 1,700,000, according to estimates of the American Federation of Labor, President William Green of the A. F. of L. announced. He continued: "This has been accomplished in the two months of August and September; the gain in September was the largest for any month."

The accomplishments of the last two months are striking proof of the results of shortening work hours. During the spring months we depended on raising industrial activity to put men back to work, and in three months, when industrial activity rose by the unprecedented figure of 49 per cent, unemployment fell to 14.5 per cent.

"In the two months of the President's re-employment program, when men were put to work by shortening work hours, unemployment was reduced at the rate of \$50,000 a month. This achievement is all the more striking as industry made its greatest adjustment for the President's re-employment program in the month just before the September A. F. of L. figures were collected.

In September 1.3 per cent of the membership went back to work (revised fig-

Big Army Still Idle

"We have made much progress since the March unemployment peak when 15,689,000 were out of work. By September, the unemployment rate had fallen to 11.5 per cent (preliminary figure). With 21.9 per cent out of work in October, the unemployment rate has now been reduced below any figure in 1932. It is almost back to the December, 1931 level when 23 per cent were unemployed."

tember this army of unemployed had been reduced by 3,600,000. But even so, 10,068,000 are still unemployed. Winter is just ahead; most of the effect of the re-employment program has already been felt. What are we to do for these 10,068,000 unemployed in the coming months? The only way we can possibly

The re-employment of workers is steadily increasing: buying power. The dollar increase in total workers' buying power from March to September was 30.7 per cent, but the effect of this gain

Buying Power Soars
 "When the rise of prices is taken into consideration, workers' effective buying power has increased by 10.5 per cent just ahead and the millions still unemployed."

Electrical Workers Ask Government

Representation on Employer's Board

labor organization except the kind approved by the association, shall exist in the industry, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers declares in a letter to Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, Recovery Administrator.

It is our opinion that the working of NEA is put to a test by this resolution," the union told Gen. Johnson. "We believe it must be met immediately and forthrightly, and as a first step in meeting it, we request that three Government representatives be appointed to sit on

Pointing out that nine weeks after adoption of the electrical manufacturing industry code, no Government representatives had been appointed on the board of administrators of the industry,

Rates Discriminate Against Workers, Is Charged

Washington.—Congressional investigation of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the enactment of legislation to prevent "blue and tan" practices complained of, the convention said, discriminate primarily against the working people in favor of big business which uses the long distance rates.

The action of the convention resulted from charges made by delegates of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, who cited court testimony of

officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to show that local telephone service subscribers pay unduly high rates to compensate the local companies for the uses in the long distance service of their local exchange properties by the American T. and T.

The convention declared that "this burden imposed on the local telephone service rates by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company has been largely responsible for the increase in

local exchange rates since 1913 and has prevented the reduction of such rates despite the fact that during this period the subsidiary companies have reduced wages and discharged employees."

Brazil to Build Thousands

PLANS MADE TO AID MINORS

of Homes for Wage Earners

Rio De Janeiro.—Acting on recommendation of the Ministry of Labor, President Vargas of Brazil has authorized the building of 2,000 working-men's

MADE JOBLESS BY NRA CODE

New York.—A program for meeting the problem of youthful workers forced out of industry by the NRA codes pr

homes. The Government is planning construction of thousands of houses for wage earners and Government employees.

LOYALTY TO NRA;

them with others hired at a minimum wage."

Labor has every right to organize

to protect itself against social injustice, and labor unions are "absolutely necessary in the industrial world today," Father Graham declared. He defended the right of the worker to strike, saying:

"Let no one say the Catholic Church

employed in the country in 1926. About 100,000 of these, he said, are now at work or able to work under existing laws, leaving about 600,000 whose status yet to be determined under the code.

British Labor Wins By-Election

London.—J. C. Wilmet, candidate of the Labor Party, was elected to Parliament in a by-election at East Fillingham, winning by a majority of 4,344. Labor increased its vote by 4,900 and the Conservative vote declined by more than 4,800.